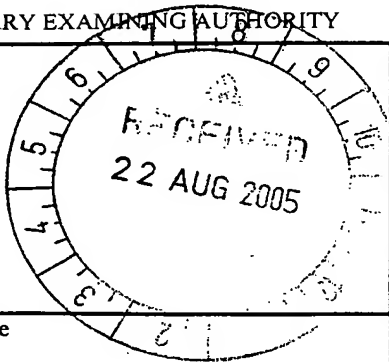


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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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(PCT Rule 66)

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Applicant

EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LIMITED et al

1. ☒ The written opinion established by the International Searching Authority:

☒ is ☐ is not

considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This **second** (second, etc.) opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the **Reply Due** date indicated above. However, the Australian Patent Office will not establish the Report before the earlier of (i) a response being filed, or (ii) one month before the **Final Date** by which the international preliminary examination report must be established. The Report will take into account any response (including amendments) filed before the Report is established. **If no response is filed by 1 month before the Final Date**, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

Applicants wishing to have the benefit of a further opinion (if needed) before the report is established should ensure that a response is filed at least **3 months before the Final Date** by which the international preliminary examination report must be established.

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3.
For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

4. The **FINAL DATE** by which the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the PCT) must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: **6 February 2006**

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International Application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion is based on a translation from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this opinion has been established on the basis of (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed."*):
 - ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - ☒ the description: pages **1-18**, as originally filed/furnished
pages , received by this Authority on with the letter of
pages **24**, received by this Authority on **28 June 2005** with the letter of **the same date**
 - ☒ the claims: pages , as originally filed/furnished
pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
pages **19-23**, received by this Authority on **28 June 2005** with the letter of **the same date**
pages , received by this Authority on with the letter of
 - ☒ the drawings: pages **2**, as originally filed/furnished
pages **1**, received by this Authority on **28 June 2005** with the letter of **the same date**
pages , received by this Authority on with the letter of
 - ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-30	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-30	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-30	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

- D1: WO 1998/025198 A2 (STREAMIX CORPORATION), 11 June 1998
- D2: WO 2000/055748 A1 (WEBTV NETWORKS, INC.), 21 September 2000
- D3: US 2002/0052925 A1 (KIM et al), 2 May 2002
- D4: WO 2000/030003 A1 (NOVAWEB TECHNOLOGIES, INC.), 25 May 2000
- D5: US 2001/00044846 A1 (COHN et al), 22 November 2001
- D8: WO 2001/053941 A2 (THE DELFIN PROJECT, INC.), 26 July 2001
- D9: US 5,572,643 A (JUDSON), 5 November 1996
- D11: *RDF Site Summary (RSS) 1.0* specification
- D12: *RSS 2.0* specification

NOVELTY (N) and INVENTIVE STEP (IS) claims 1-30

Independent claims 1 and 12: In the absence of a substantive response to the first opinion, these independent claims are still seen to lack novelty when compared to any of documents D1-D10. The amendments to the independent claims merely add that the display of the information is effected by "a stand alone computer application program." It is supposed that this is intended to define an arrangement in which the program displaying the information is separate from the program causing the wait state. This is clearly also the case in D1 and D8. In D2-D5 and D9, the wait-state information display is performed by a browser during web page transitions, however, since browsers are stand-alone applications, these systems are also seen to be within the scope of "a stand alone computer program" as claimed. (Even if this distinction were more strictly defined, any resulting difference from the latter citations would be viewed as technical equivalents, and not contributing an inventive step.)

Dependent claims 2-11 and 13-30: These claims are still seen to lack novelty and/or inventive step in comparison to any of D1-D5 and D8-D9. As discussed in the first opinion, none of their features inventively distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. (In particular, the use of RSS to deliver the information is disclosed by the obvious combination of any of D1-D5 or D8-D9 with either of D11 or D12.)